

Minutes of the June BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting held July 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:15 AM by Vice-Chair. J Geerdes

Those present were:

Jay Backstrom, Secretary  
Jerome Geerdes, Vice Chair  
~~Larry Voltz, Dist. Cons. (NRCS)~~  
Paula L Lowe, Administrative Assistant

Ruth Trask, Treasurer  
Shane Bowe, Legislative & Public Relations  
~~Chris Parthun, District Manager~~  
Jerry Stensing, Stewardship Forester  
Visitor -Rep. John Persell  
Chad Severts- BWSR BC

SECRETARY REPORT

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to approve June minutes as mailed, carried.

TREASURER REPORT

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to accept June's Treasurer's Report as submitted for audit, carried.

**Motion** by J Backstrom, second by S Bowe to authorize the Treasurer to sign the final Financial Report for the 2007 Drought Cost-Share funds (\$6,466.93) to be returned to BWSR, carried.

NEW COOPERATORS- NONE

MN COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - None

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER REPORT

Fall tree program has started. Ad will be in the Sunday paper, followed by PSAs and at the Fair booth.

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to adopt the new prices on the 2010 Spring tree order form, carried.

JW Smith Biomes project - Grant has been submitted to GWNF for funds to help cover the engineering and cash match for cost share.

Working on Spring 2010 project plans and Wetland development plans for wildlife pond construction.

RC&D - None

RC&D is not participating in the Fair booth this year.

WATER PERMIT- NONE

ONGOING/TABLED BUSINESS

Chad Severts, BC, talked about the implementation of the self assessment tool. He will be meeting with the District Manager to start the process.

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to form a committee to determine issues to present to the Beltrami County board regarding the need for the County budget to include funding for the SWCD. The committee results will be presented to and discussed by the full SWCD Board at the regular August meeting or at a special meeting if necessary- as determined by the County budget schedule, carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Marshall-Beltrami SWCD by Chad Severts BC. Discussion on the response from Steve Woods (BWSR) to Chad's questions concerning the evolving consolidation of the Mar-Bel SWCD. Ruth and Shane shared their thoughts about the meeting they attended at Grygla concerning this consolidation. It was decided to bring this discussion to the committee that is being formed so that it can be included in the presentation to the County Board.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT ON ANNUAL LEAVE- WRITTEN REPORT WAS SENT WITH BOARD PACKET. COPY ATTACHED

D.C. REPORT ON ANNUAL LEAVE- WRITTEN REPORT READ BY PAULA. COPY ATTACHED

AQUATIC BIOLOGIST

SWAG- Report will be finished and will be sent to the MPCA for the closing of the Grant.  
Star Lakes-Showing good progress. Recognition awards were given to 3 Lakes and Grace was one of them.  
Ob wells- Last reading – shallow wells were down.  
Lake Julia- SWCD will continue to be involved with the project plans on the lake.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Went over the costs of products sold and the new sales tax rate. No decision was made on changing the price

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Thursday August 27th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

**Motion** by S Bowe, second by J Backstrom to adjourn at 1:50 pm, carried

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Date

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Secretary

BCLARA – Beltrami County Lakes & Rivers Association  
BMP - Best Management Practice  
CPA – Conservation Priority Area  
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program  
CSP – Conservation Security Program  
CTAC – Conservation Technical Assistance Committee  
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentive Program  
GIS - Geographical Information System  
JPB - Joint Powers Board (North Central MN SWCDs)  
LBWM - Lake Bemidji Watershed Management Project  
LWM – Local Water Management  
(formerly CLWP - Comprehensive Local Water Plan)  
MASWCD - MN Assoc. of Soil & Water Districts

MDA – MN Department of Agriculture  
NRBG – Natural Resources Block Grant  
NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS)  
PFM - Private Forest Management  
RC&D - Resource Conservation & Development  
RIM - Reinvest in Minnesota  
ROPE – Reservoir Operation Plan Evaluation  
TAC - Technical Advisory Committee  
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load  
USF&W - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
WCA - Wetland Conservation Act  
WHIP - Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program  
WQIP - Water Quality Incentive Project

DC Report read by Paula

Our current workload continues to be working with landowners with EQIP contracts installing conservation practices, certifying practice installation, and processing payments. The next couple of weeks we will be working on certifying rotational grazing systems for incentive payments.

We are continuing the audit process on our CSP contracts. Krystal and Patty did a great job in reviewing the first part of the questionnaire used for the audit. I will be completing the last part over the next few weeks. We are still anticipating a new sign up to begin sometime in August.

A number of landowners have requested certified wetland determinations. These require an onsite inventory of the soil, plants and hydrology for each wetland location. Documentation for each determination is quite lengthy and takes a bit of time to complete.

Krystal put together information on the importance of pollinators (bees) to the environment for the fair. This should tie in nicely with the information that Jerry put together for this year's display.

*Larry Voltz*  
*District Conservationist*  
*Bemidji MN*

